

## PATENT CLAIMS

1. A device for connecting a support element (27) to an add-on piece (26), comprising a plug-in element that can be inserted in a recess of said support element (27) and includes at least one laterally projecting bearing section, comprising at least one counter-element that confronts the or each bearing section, and comprising a threaded region configured at least sectionally with a thread structure, **characterized in that** an inner element (12) is present that comprises said threaded region (14) and the or each counter-element (22, 23), in that said inner element (12) is received in said plug-in element (1) so as to be axially displaceable, and in that said plug-in element (1) is provided with an abutment region (3) that comes into engagement with a screw (31) screwed into said threaded region (14) and forms a stop for said screw (31).
2. The device as recited in claim 1, characterized in that said plug-in element (1) is formed from a pre-punched sheet metal strip and comprises a central web (2) and two edge webs (4, 5) adjoining said central web (2) edgewise and oriented substantially parallel to each other, to which said bearing sections (6, 7) are joined.
3. The device as recited in claim 2, characterized in that said edge webs (4, 5) of said plug-in element (1) are configured with respective stop lugs (8, 9) oriented such that they point toward each other and slant in the direction of said central web (2).
4. The device as recited in claim 2 or claim 3, characterized in that said edge webs (4, 5) of said plug-in element (1) comprise edge recesses (10, 11) oriented in the longitudinal direction.
5. The device as recited in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that said inner element (12) is formed from a pre-punched sheet metal strip and comprises as a central element a face plate (13) in the center of which said threaded region (14) with said thread structure (15) is configured.

6. The device as recited in claim 5, characterized in that said face plate (13) is adjoined by two edge webs (16, 17) of said inner element (12) that are oriented substantially parallel to each other and on which said counter-elements (22, 23) are configured.
7. The device as recited in claim 6, characterized in that adjoining said edge webs (16, 17) of said inner element (12) are respective inner tongues (18, 19) that are oriented toward each other and extend to said abutment region (3).